

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF

the Gentry and Commons of the

County of York, presented to his Majesty,
April 22. 1642.

And His Majesties Message sent to the Parliament,
April 24. 1642. concerning Sir John Hothams
refusall to give his Majesty entrance into Hull.

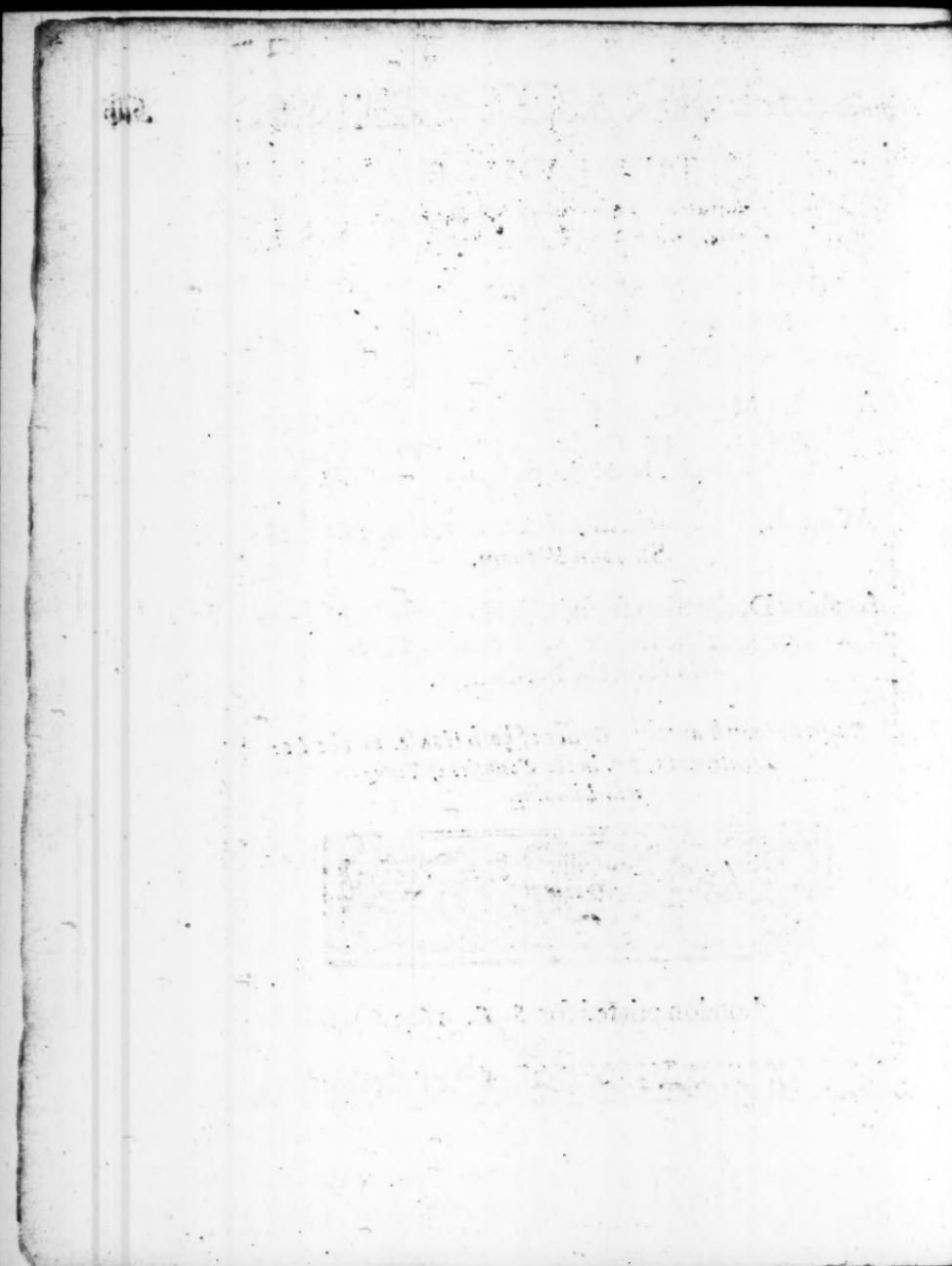
With the Parliaments Resolves concerning the said
Sir John Hotham.

As also a Declaration from both Houses of Parliament
concerning the stopping of Passages, betweene
Hull and the Parliament.

*Together with another Order of both Houses to the Lo:
Lientants, &c. in the Countys of York
and Lincoln.*



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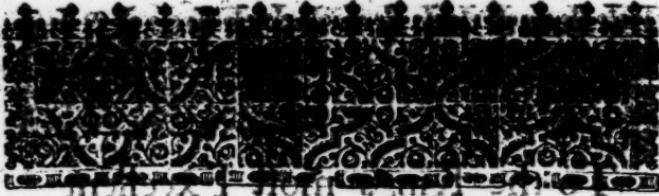


To the Kings most Excellent
Majestie.
The humble Petition of the Gentry and Commons
of the County of York.

Most Royall Sovereign.

Encouraged by Your Majesties many Testimonies
of Your gracious goodnesse to us and our Coun-
tie, which we can never sufficiently acknowledge;
We in all duty and loyalty of heart, address our
selves to Your Sacred Majestie, beseeching You
to cast Your eyes and thoughts upon the safety
of Your own Person and Your Princely Issue, and this whole Coun-
tie, a great meanes of which we conceive doth consist in the Arms
and Ammunition at Hull, placed there by Your Princely care
and charge, and since upon generall apprehension of dangers from
Foreign parts represented to your Majesty, thought fit as yet to
be continued. We for our parts, conceiving our selves so to be still
in danger, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that you will be
pleased to take such course and order that your Magazine may
still there remain, for the better securing of these and the Northerne
parts: And the rather because we thinke it fit, that that part of
the Kingdom should be best provided where your Sacred Person
doth reside, your Person being like Davids, The light of Israel, and
more worth then ten thousand of us.

Who shall daily pray, &c.



His Majesties Message sent to the Parliament, April 24. 1642.

Concerning Sir John Hotcham's Refusal to give His
Majestic Entrance into Hull.

 His Majestie having received the Petition inclosed from most of the chief of the Gentry near about York, desiring the stay of His Majesties Arms and Munition in His Magazine at Hull, for the safety (not onely of His Majesties Person and Children, but likewise of all these Northern parts : The manifold rumours of great Dangers inducing them to make their said Supplication) Thought it most fit to go Himself in Person to His Town of Hull, to view His Arms and Munition there, that thereupon He might give directions what part thereof might bee necessary to remain there, for the security and satisfaction of His Northern Subjects, and what part thereof might be spared for Ireland : The Arming of His Majesties Scots Subjects that are to go thither, Or to replenish His chiefest Magazine of the Tower of London ; Where being come, upon the thre and twentieth of this instant Aprill, much contrary to His expectation, He found all the Gates shut upon Him, and the Bridges drawn up, by the expresse command of Sir John Hotcham, (who for the present commands a Garrison there) and from the Walls flatly denied His Majestie Entrance into His said Town, the reason of the said deniall being as strange to His Majestie, as the thing it self

self, it being, That he could not assent His Majestie without
breach of Trust to His Parliament: which had shewne
cencie His Majesties anger against him, for that he most Sed-
itionously and Traiterously would have put His disobedience
upon His Majesties Parliament; which His Majestie being
willing & please, defended of him selfe, and his impudence
to aver, that the Parliament had directed him to deny His
Majestie entrance, and that if he had any such Order, that he
should shew it in Writing, for otherwise His Majestie could
not beleeve it; which he could no wayes produce, but malici-
ously made that false interpretation according to his own
Inferences, confessing that he had no such positive Order,
which His Majestie was ever confident of: But His Majestie
not willing to take so much pains in vain, offered to come
into that His Town onely with twentie Horse, finding that
the maine of his pretence lay, That His Majesties Traine was
able to Command the Garrison: Notwithstanding, His Ma-
jestie was so desirous to go thither in a private way, that He
gave warning thereof but overnight: Which he refusing, but
by way of Condition (which His Majestie thought much
below Him) held it most necessarie to declare him Traitor
(unlesse upon better thoughts, he should yeeld obedience)
which he doubly deserved, aswell for refusing Entrance to
his naturall Sovereign, as by laying the reason thereof
groundlessly and maliciously upon His Parliament.

One Circumstance His Majestie cannot forget, That His
Son the Duke of York, and His Nephew the Prince Elector,
having gone thicker the day before, Sir John Hotham delayed
the letting of them out to His Majestie till after some con-
sultation.

Hereupon His Majestie hath thought it expedient to de-
mand Justice of His Parliament against the said Sir John Ho-
tham, to be exemplarily inflicted on him according to the
Laws, and the rather, because His Majestie would give them
a fit occasion to free themselves of this imputation, by him
so injuriously cast upon them; to the end His Majestie may
have the easiet way for the chakelling of so high a disobe-
dience, whom I have no power to assault. O 3114

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Die Martis 26. April 1642.

Resolved upon the question.

THAT Sir John Hotbham Knight, according to this relation, hath done nothing but in obedience to the Command of both Houses of Parliament.

Resolved upon the question.

THAT this declaring of Sir John Hotbham traitor, being a Member of the House of Commons, is a high breach of the privilege of Parliament.

Resolved upon the question.

THAT this declaring of Sir John Hotbham Traitor without due process of Law, is against the Liberty of the Subject, and against the Law of the Land.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that these Votes shall be printed, and sent to the Sheriffs and the Justices of the Peace to be published in all the Market towns of the Counties of Yorke and Lincoln.

To Browne Cler. Parliament.

Dic Martis 26. April 1642.

It is declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That the stopping of the passages betwene Hull and the Parliament, and the intercepting of Messengers imployed from the Parliament to Hull, or from any that are in the Service of the Parliament, or any Letters whatsoever sent by any, to, or from the Parliament, is a high breach of the priviledge of Parliament, which by the Laws of this Kingdome, and the Protestation, we are bound to defend with our Lives and our Fortunes, and to bring the violater to condigne punishment.

And herby all Lords Lieutenant, and their Deputies authorised by the Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, all Sheriffs, Justices, Majors, Bailiffs, Constables, and other Officers whatsoever, are required to give their uttermost aid and assistance to all that are employed in the said Service, for their better and more speedy free and safe passage : And to apprehend all such as by colour of any warrant or other authority whatsoever, shall endeavour or go about to hinder any that are employed about the same, and them to apprehend, and in safe custody to send up to the Parliament.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that this Declaration shall be forthwith printed and published.

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Die Martis 26. April. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That the Sheriff s. of the Countys of Yorke and Lincoln, and likewise the Lords Lieutenant of the Iaid Countys, and in their absence, their Deputies allowed by Parliament, and the Justices of Peace, and all others his Majesties Officers, shall suppress all Forces that shal be raised, or gathered toge therin thole Countys, either to force the Towne of Hull; to stop the passages to, and from the same, or in any other way to dislurbe the peace of the Kingdom.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Order shall be printed and published forthwith.

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Mr. T. Browne has done it wth his best O
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memento of his life & labours
and will be a good rememb're

